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REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or patent application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/559,704
Filing Date	04/27/2000
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Group Art Unit	3721
Examiner Name	Harmon, Christopher R.
Attorney Docket Number	7137 (R029, 1056)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the parent term adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000)). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s) (reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116) previously filed on June 25, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Response Time; Fee Transmittal for FY 2003

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0528
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other: any deficiencies in fees submitted
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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